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PROPOSED AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 14, 1997, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicant proposes amending the claims as follows for the purpose of placing this application in condition for allowance:

IN THE CLAIMS

1 (Twice Amended). A system for demonstrating software programs to a potential purchaser of the programs and for gathering marketing information related to the demonstration of the programs, comprising:

receive means for receiving a plurality of software programs to be demonstrated;

protection means for maintaining each of the software programs in a locked state in order to prevent unauthorized